

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Walter McNutt, on February 16, 2011 at 3:17 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Walter McNutt, Chair (R)
Rep. Bill Beck, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Champ Edmunds (R)
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)
Rep. John Esp (R)
Rep. Steve Gibson (R)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Antoine Brockman, Committee Secretary
Jaret Coles, Legislative Branch
Jon Moe, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 439, 2/12/2011; HB 485, 2/12/2011
Executive Action: HB 161

HEARING ON HB 439**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:21 Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D), HD 81, opened the hearing on HB 439, General obligation bonds for state government.

[EXHIBIT\(aph38a01\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

00:04:33 Joe Triem, Planning Manager, Department of Architecture and Engineering (A&E)
00:05:56 Rep. Gibson left the room.
00:11:51 Rep. Esp left the room.
00:13:28 Rep. Belcourt left the room.
00:14:24 Rep. Sesso left the room.
00:18:46 Rep. Gibson entered the room
00:18:59 Rep. Belcourt entered the room.
00:20:19 Rep. Sesso entered the room.
00:26:26 Rep. Hiner left the room.
00:30:52 Rep. Hiner entered the room.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:39 Betty Babcock, Montana Historical Society

[EXHIBIT\(aph38a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph38a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph38a04\)](#)

00:39:23 Russ Ritter, Self
00:43:30 Jim Smith, Self
00:45:57 Shirley Herrin, Self
00:46:44 Kathy Burwell, Helena Area Chamber of Commerce
00:48:44 Steve Wade, Montana Contractor's Association (MCA)
00:49:57 Sheila Sterns, Commissioner of Higher Education, Montana University System (MUS)
00:52:14 Royce Engstrom, President, University of Montana (UM)
00:53:16 Rep. Cuffe left the room.
00:53:44 Cynthia Coutinho, University of Montana, Missoula College of Technology (UM COT)
00:55:28 Colin Henderson, Instructor, University of Montana, Missoula College of Technology (UM COT)
00:57:46 Brent Campbell, President, MGM Group
00:58:50 Barry Good, Dean, University of Montana, Missoula College of Technology (UM COT)

[EXHIBIT\(aph38a05\)](#)

01:00:44 Susan Davis Briggs, Main Hall Project, University of Montana Western
01:03:07 Sen. Williams
01:04:01 Waded Cruzado, President, Montana State University (MSU)
01:08:16 Rolf Groseth, Chancellor, Montana State University Billings (MSU-Billings)
EXHIBIT(aph38a06)
01:09:30 Kurt Toejes, Assistant Professor, Montana State University Billings (MSU-Billings)
01:10:59 Ryan Corby, Student, Montana State University Billings (MSU-Billings)
01:12:21 Tiffany Flanagan, Student, Montana State University Billings (MSU-Billings)
EXHIBIT(aph38a07)
EXHIBIT(aph38a08)
01:14:12 Paul Tuss, Bear Paw Development Corporation
EXHIBIT(aph38a09)
01:17:27 Bill Crandall, Vice President, Modern Machinery
01:19:05 Jack Farret, Co-Manager, Tractor and Equipment - Great Falls, Montana
01:20:09 Rep. Osmundson left the room.
01:21:33 Bruce Spencer, Montana Automobile Dealers Association
EXHIBIT(aph38a10)
01:21:58 Rep. Warburton
01:22:53 Robert Pavlovich, Self
01:23:57 Barbara Ranf, BNSF Railway
01:24:40 Jennifer James, Montana Building Industry Association
01:25:02 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)
01:25:30 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau
01:25:52 Chairman McNutt
01:26:43 Joe Schaffer, Dean, Montana State University-Great Falls College of Technology (MSU-Great Falls COT)
EXHIBIT(aph38a11)
01:27:18 Jeremiah Johnson, Business Development Director, Great Falls Development Authority
01:29:16 Karen Byrnes, Director of Community Development, Butte-Silver Bow
01:30:08 Jeff Jacobson, Dean, College of Agriculture, Montana State University (MSU)
01:31:18 Bruce McEntire, Director of Government Affairs, Billings Chamber of Commerce
01:31:34 John MacDonald, City of Missoula
EXHIBIT(aph38a12)
01:31:54 Jim MacGarvey, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)
01:32:48 JD Lynch, International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:33:10 Cindy Swank, Self

01:38:10 Recess
01:53:37 Back in session
00:53:38 Chairman McNutt

Chairman McNutt held the hearing of HB 439 in recess while opening the hearing for HB 485. HB 485 was heard in its entirety before returning to remaining part of HB 439's hearing.

HEARING ON HB 485

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:53:57 Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 485, Funding for youth in transition.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:55:01 June Hurmanson, Founder, Montana Youth in Transition

EXHIBIT(aph38a13)

02:00:11 Jude Monson, Montana Centers for Independent Living

EXHIBIT(aph38a14)

02:04:00 Kelly Jo Glennon, Student, Sentinel High School

02:05:35 Shyla Patrara, North Central Independent Living

02:07:52 Devin Armstrong, Self

02:10:57 Cara Wherley, Summit Independent Living Center

02:14:36 Mary Olson, Summit Independent Living Center

EXHIBIT(aph38a15)

02:17:06 Tom Osborn, Eagle Transition Center

02:18:29 Michael Beers, Self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:21:27 Rep. Schmidt

02:22:03 Mr. Beers

Closing by Sponsor:

02:22:40 Rep. Arntzen

02:23:02 Chairman McNutt

HEARING ON HB 439 Continued

02:23:26 Rep. Sesso

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:25:53 Rep. Edmunds

02:26:22 Jon Moe, Expenditure Policy Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

02:26:55 Rep. Edmunds

02:27:25 Rep. Hollenbaugh

02:28:04 Rep. Edmunds

02:28:41 Rep. Hollenbaugh

Closing by Sponsor:

02:29:28 Rep. Hollenbaugh

Questions from Committee Members and Responses Continued:

02:32:02 Rep. Edmunds
02:32:29 Anna Miller, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
02:32:45 Rep. Edmunds
02:32:55 Anna Miller, DNRC
02:34:02 Rep. Edmunds
02:34:12 Anna Miller, DNRC

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 161

02:35:15 **Motion:** Rep. Esp moved **HB 161 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:35:50 Rep. Mehlhoff

02:39:39 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Belcourt, Rep. Gibson, Rep. Hiner, Rep. Hollenbaugh, Rep. McChesney, Rep. Mehlhoff, Rep. Schmidt and Rep. Sesso voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:40:58

Antoine Brockman, Secretary

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[EXHIBIT\(aph38a16\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(aph38a17\)](#)

Additional Documents:

[EXHIBIT\(aph38aad.pdf\)](#)